THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRi MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) A double track already exists between Sainthia and Rampur Hat and between Burdwan and Khana. Ther$_e$ is no proposal for doubling rail line between Khana and Sainthia at present.

(b) Does not arise.

मयूरभंज में चलते फिरते डाकघर

1239. श्री सुनील कुमार पटनायक : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या चालू वर्ष में उड़ीसा के मयूरभंज जिले के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में नए डाकघर और चलते-फिरते डाकघर खोलने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष मोहन देव) (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Purchase of boeing 747-300 for AIR India

1240. SHRl DINKARRAO GOVIN DRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to purchase Boeing 747-300 for Air India has been finalised; and

(b) if so, what ar$_e$ the details of the decision taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER"): (a) and (b) The proposal of Air-India for the acquisition of two Boeing 747-300 Combi aircraft is being processed.

Train between Ahmedabad and Cochin

1241. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVIND RAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) whether a new railway train service to link Ahmedabad with Cochin has recently been started; and

, (b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRi MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A new weekly train No. 937(938 Express has been introduced between Ahmedabad $_a$nd Cochin from April, 1987.

Malfunctioning of Navodaya schools in states

1242. SHRI VJSHWHA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Navodaya Vidyalayas recently inaugurated in several States have been started without the necessary infrastructural facilities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these schools are still following the sam$_e$ syllabi as in other schools; do not have adequate accommodation; are working without the Principals and have not held the annual examinations so far; and

(c) if so, by when thes$_e$ short-comings are likeiy to be removed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNASAHI): (a) to (c) The scheme for setting up Navodaya Vidayalayas has been started in 1986. Initially Navodaya Vidyalayas hav$_e$ been started with the land and permanent! temporary building made available by the State Government [UTs concerned. While substantial rennovation and additions/alterations have been carried out by the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti to make the accommodation suitable for the school, naturally there would be some shortcomings.